

CITY OF OKOBOJI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

PRESIDING: Mayor Mary VanderWoude

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Walter Mendenall, Jerry Robinson, Julie Andres, Jim Hentges, Jim Delperdang

OTHERS PRESENT WERE: Keith Sherman, Janette Davis, Steve Fester, Tim Oswald, Jason Petersen, Rebecca Geisel, Brad Beck

After the Pledge of Allegiance it was announced by Councilmember Robinson that Mayor VanderWoude would be late for the meeting. Mayor ProTem Robinson called the meeting to order. Andres/Mendenhall moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mendenhall/Delperdang moved to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting 10/13/15, claims for November 2015, and a renewal of a Class C Liquor License for the Okoboji Winter Project Inc. with Sunday sales and outdoor service area. The vote was 4-1 in favor. Councilmember Andres sited a conflict of interest in voting as she is the owner of the Okoboji Winter Project Inc. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Jodi Miller, Spencer Underground Ministries to request funding: As there was no one present for the Spencer Underground Ministries for the request the Council took no action.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-08 “Resolution setting hearing on the City of Okoboji, Iowa’s intent to amend, extend, or renew a franchise granting Interstate Power and Light Company F/K/A Iowa Electric Light and Power Company A/K/A Alliant Energy, its lessees, successors and assigns, an electric energy franchise and the authority to construct, operate, maintain, and extend an electric energy distribution plant and system, and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within the present or future corporate limits of the city”:

Hentges/Andres moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-08. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor ProTem declared the motion duly carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated the hearing date per the resolution will be December 8, 2015 at 6:15 P.M.

Council to consider resolution No. 15-09 “Resolution setting hearing on the City of Okoboji, Iowa’s intent to lease certain space on the City’s utility pole and/or surrounding real and/or personal property to Alltel Communications, LLC D/B/A Verizon Wireless, its lessees, successors and assigns, for the installation, operation, and maintenance of communication equipment; together with the non-exclusive right of ingress and egress from a public right-of-way, seven days a week, twenty four hours a day, over, under and through the property and to and from the premises for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of Alltel Communications, LLC D/B/A Verizon Wireless’ communication equipment”:

Hentges/Mendenhall moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-09. Upon the call of the roll

the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor ProTem declared the motion duly carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated the hearing date per the resolution will be December 8, 2015 at 6:15 P.M.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-10 “Resolution fixing date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder”: Hentges/Andres moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-10. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor ProTem declared the motion duly carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated the hearing date per the resolution will be December 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Council to consider Resolution No. 15-11 “Resolution fixing date for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder”: Hentges/Mendenhall moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-11. Upon the call of the roll the vote was as follows; AYES: Delperdang, Hentges, Andres, Robinson, Mendenhall. NAYS: None. With the vote being in the majority the Mayor ProTem declared the motion duly carried. City Administrator Dennis Daly stated the hearing date per the resolution will be December 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Council to consider an Underwriters Agreement by and between Piper Jaffray & Co. and the City of Okoboji: Hentges/Delperdang moved to approve the Underwriters Agreement with Piper Jaffray & Co. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor VanderWoude arrived at the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Council to consider an Engagement Agreement by and between the Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. law firm and the City of Okoboji: Delperdang/Mendenhall moved to approve the Engagement Agreement with the Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Application for Payment No. 5 (Final) in the amount of \$2176.80 payable to Grundman-Hicks LLC for the 2015 City of Okoboji Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Valve Vault Replacement Project: Robsinson/Andres moved to approve Application for Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$2176.80. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$65,929.33 payable to Beck Excavating, Inc. for the 2015 City of Okoboji Dixon Beach/Maintenance Building Sidewalk Replacement Project: Mendenhall/Robinson moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$65,929.33. All ayes. Motion carried. The Mayor stated she would like to conduct a January task force meeting to consider signage for the new Dixon Beach walkway.

Council to review and consider the State TIF report for year ending June 30, 2015: Robinson/moved to approve the State TIF report for year ending June 30, 2105. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a granted variance for Scott & Erin Reed of 1499 Chalstrom

Beach Road: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve the recommendation of the Okoboji Board of Adjustment for the granted variance to Scott & Erin Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council to consider a request for relief on a water bill for the Ranch RV Park: The Council next considered a request for relief on a water bill for the Ranch RV Park. Daly reported that when water meters were read on June 11, 2015 for the second quarter no one observed there was a water leak at the RV Park until July 2, 2015. The bill in the amount for that quarter was \$4253.04. Owners of the park, Mike and Laurie Reding claim the larger than normal amount of water being used should have been caught and reported to them especially for the time period from June 11, 2015 to July 2, 2015 when the leak was first observed. The Redings are asking the Council to consider a reduction in the water bill for what is now owed in the amount of \$2348.18 for the third quarter water billing. The City Council stated it has never been the policy to assume the responsibility for water leaks nor reducing water bills for the same. After further discussion the Mayor called for a motion to consider the request. With no motion received the issue died due to a lack of motion.

Council to consider a donation to the Okoboji After Prom 2016: Robinson/Hentges moved to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Jason Petersen reported that the new police SHIELD software is almost complete and should be operational soon. Petersen reported the HEAT team has been active lately.

Mayor VanderWoude reported that the parking regulations for snow removal operations will be placed on the website, newspapers, the newsletter, and announced on the radio stations when warranted.

Councilmember Hentges reported that fire department member Todd Krukow placed 8th in the world in his division at the National Firefighters Combat Challenge. Krukow also placed 15th in the tandem competition and was 62nd overall in the world for all divisions.

Councilmember Robinson noticed that in the packets the Council was provided a copy of an advertisement an individual placed in the local newspaper concerning the rental of residential property. Robinson stated that

City Administrator Daly has written a letter to this person as well as the City of Arnolds Park outlining the legalities of such a venture.

Robinson also reported he has been approached by a city resident about possibly conducting a contest to name the new walkway on Dixon Beach.

Councilmember Mendenhall expressed his concerns about replacing the existing playground equipment with new. Mendenhall suggested the Park Board and City Council meet somehow to work out any details concerning Speier Park.

Expenditures for the month of October 2015 are as follows: Public Safety - \$40254.05; Public Works - \$15568.58; Culture & Recreation - \$30.26; Community & Economic Development - \$1050.00; General Government - \$16989.78; Capital Projects - \$120627.27; Water - \$37236.96; Road Use Tax - \$273.98.

Robinson/Hentges moved to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Mary VanderWoude, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis J. Daly CMC
City Clerk/Administrator